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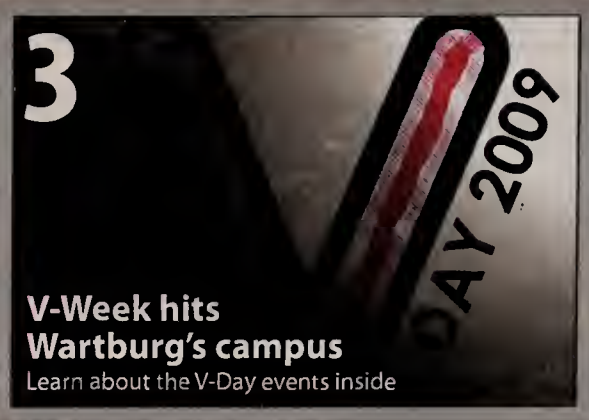

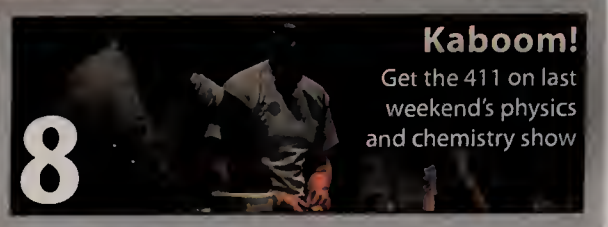

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Wartburg endowment takes a hit

LUKE SHANNO *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*
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The Wartburg College endowment fell approximately 33 percent, from roughly $50 million to $34 million as a result of the current economic situation in the country, Wartburg College President William Hamm said.

A report from the end of December showed that Wartburg is not immune from nation-wide trends among colleges.

"The whole idea of a diversified stockportfoliothatisprofessionally managed, which is what we have, is that over time we'll do better than the market and that's generally been our experience," Hamm said. "The hope is that the market will go back up and I would expect that to be the case."

An article in USA Today cited three surveys that show the average college endowment returns dropped about three percent for the year ending in June 2008. On average, endowments dropped an additional 22.5 percent over the next five months.

"The stock market goes up and down, this is obviously more serious. Our results are pretty typical," Hamm said. "Pretty much everyone is in the same boat now."

Wartburg finds itself in a unique situation for the time.

The college relies on the endowment to cover around four percent of the school's total operating budget.

Because of this, Wartburg doesn't feel the pinch as much as other schools with larger endowments that use large portions to cover a majority of operating expenses, Hamm said.

"You look at an institution like Harvard or Stanford that has multi-billions, or Washington University in St. Louis, those places have taken a huge hit, and it does have severe budget implications," Hamm said. "I would rather be in their financial situation but in the short term it really creates a serious problem."

Hamm said like most small colleges in Iowa, Wartburg is really concerned with enrollment instead of the endowment because the college is tuition driven.

"The reality for us is it does have an impact on next year's budget,

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Speech discusses alternative energy

ASHLEY EVANS *STAFF WRITER*

The United States needs to build a national marketplace for energy and begin using the technology it already has to preserve energy, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. told a crowded Neumann Auditorium Thursday night.

Over 700 students, faculty, staff and community members listened to Kennedy speak about energy and the environment as part of Wartburg's Commission on Mission Service Symposia.

Kennedy, an environmental lawyer, focused on the idea that good environmental policy is identical to good economic policy.

"[Some people say] the time has come in our country where we have to choose between economic prosperity on the one hand and environmental protection on the other. And that," he said, "is a false statement."

The way to unite the two, Kennedy said, is to create a true, a free marketplace to encourage efficiency and eliminate waste. Believing a free marketplace is the most efficient and

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Positive reactions to Kennedy's visit

JACKIE ALBRECHT *NEWS EDITOR*

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has a passion for protecting the environment and believes environmental resources belong to the people, not corporations, Service Task Force co-chair Roy Ventullo said.

Kennedy spoke at three events during his visit to Wartburg Thursday. Kennedy discussed topics such as environmental issues, service, faith and alternative energy.

"To me, his presentations show how powerful the integration of the pillars of our mission statement can be," Ventullo said in reference to Wartburg's pillars of leadership, service, faith and learning.

Kennedy received the Graven Award for his work in society with environmental issues during a ceremony Thursday morning.

The Graven Award is given annually to one person who follows a Christian calling and makes significant contributions to the community.

After receiving the award, Kennedy discussed how

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Wartburg logo available on MasterCard credit card

ASHLEY EVANS *STAFF WRITER*

A newly designed look for the Wartburg College Platinum Plus® MasterCard® is available to alumni and friends of the college from Bank of America that helps bring in revenue for the school.

"Although it is not a significant source of income for Wartburg, the Bank of America affinity card program provides resources that helps to pay for alumni events," Jeff Beck, director of alumni and parent programs, said.

Wartburg receives money from Bank of America based on a variety of different criteria. The school receives money when alumni use their card or when someone opens a new account, Beck said.

"We get money based on how much people use their card, not on the debt they carry," Beck said.

The ideal way for alumni to help the college and the cardholder's credit rating, Beck said, is to use the card for normal purchases and pay it off at the end of each month.

The popularity of the credit card has continued to increase since it became available in May of 2003.

Beck said the recent focus and increase in publicity of the card in Knightline and the alumni Web site stems from the new design of the card that follows Wartburg's "Be Orange" slogan.

"Every time someone uses their card it makes them think of Wartburg," he said. "People see it and get it in their head."

Alumni can find more information about the credit card and apply by visiting www.wartburg.edu/alumni/programs.html.

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Mid-year retention ties record

JACKIE ALBRECHT *NEWS EDITOR*

Wartburg's fall-to-winter retention rate increased two percent this year to 96 percent, which tie the highest rates in the past 10 years.

The retention rate of 2003-2004 and 2006-2007 also reached 96 percent.

In past years, the college did not focus as much on fall-to-winter retention as the fall-to-fall retention, Vice President of Enrollment Management Edith Waldstein said.

"With the uncertain economic times we are actually looking at mid-year retention more than we normally do, because there are a lot of colleges and universities that either have experienced already a significant drop because of the economy or are afraid that they might," Waldstein said.

The biggest retained group this year compared to last year was first-year men. Last year, the rate was at 83 percent, while this year's retention rate increased to 93 percent.

"First-years typically aren't retained as well as upper-classmen.

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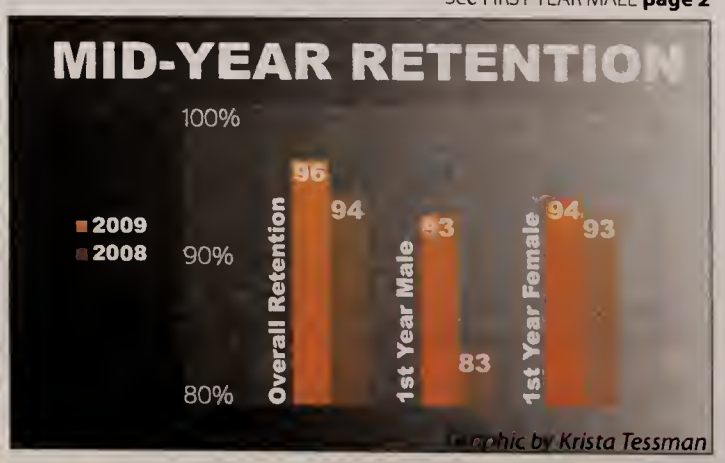

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Kennedy addresses idea of smart grid installation

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democratic way to distribute the resources of the country, Kennedy wants the government to install a smart grid, an idea used by utilities all over the world.

The grid would help eliminate peak demand of energy by turning off idle sources of power in houses for short periods of time.

"There are so many kinds of phantom charges in your houses that are sucking all the electricity away that you don't even care about, that you don't know about," Kennedy said.

Kennedy believes that changing the grid so it becomes an open place to buy and sell energy will help the country's economic issues. An investment in the environment, he said, is an investment in infrastructure and a way to ensure the economic vitality of this generation and beyond.

"We can generate . . . the illusion of a prosperous economy, but our children are going to pay for our joy ride."
-Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

One major impediment the country must overcome before prosperity can be reached, Kennedy said, is to replace the country's "archaic and under-designed" transmission system so new forms of energy can be transported and delivered.

Another impediment he mentioned was government officials who treat the planet and its resources as if it were a business liquidation.

"We can generate an instantaneous cash flow and the illusion of a prosperous economy, but our children are going to pay for our joy ride. And they are going to pay for ... poor health and huge clean up costs," Kennedy said.

Other topics Kennedy focused on included global warming, wind energy and electric cars.

As the chairman of WaterKeeper Alliance who has worked with RiverKeeper, a program that helps to protect the country's water, Kennedy elaborated on the high mercury levels in water across the nation, claiming Americans are living in "a science- fiction nightmare."

Kennedy said it is an exciting time for all Americans, and the way to solve our economic issues is tied in directly with how the country uses its resources and energy.

"If you look at every valid piece of classic American literature and poetry and art, the unifying theme is that nature is the critical defining element of American culture," Kennedy said before receiving a standing ovation.

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Economy affects endowment

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but the impact is far more manageable for us because we're not that dependant on endowment spending," Hamm said.

"Larger schools where the majority of their operating budgets come from endowments have taken a hit with the economy's downturn," Rich Seggerman, chief business officer and college treasurer, said.

Hamm has also seen a reduction in annual fund gifts this year due to the market downturn, but he said it isn't a significant reduction in giving to the college.

"I am nervous about the gifts. Part of the dilemma for us in governance is that we don't know what's going to happen," Hamm said.

Despite current market situations and nation-wide trends with falling endowments, college administrators remain positive about the continuing endowment situation.

"An endowment is supposed to be a legacy of the donor," Seggerman said. "It is supposed to live on, so 100 years from now it will still be here."

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Students believe Kennedy to be good role model

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his faith influences what and why he does things in life.

Zach Barnes said he was excited for Kennedy to visit Wartburg and thought Kennedy was an excellent candidate for the Graven Award.

"I thought that what he does, and how he works it into the very nature of his life, is very well suited for someone speaking at a liberal arts school," Barnes said.

During a small group discussion Thursday afternoon, Kennedy discussed factory farms and their effect on small farm families and local communities.

DeEtta Bohling attended the small discussion with Kennedy.

"As an environmental activist and attorney, RFK Jr. was able to share his experiences in working with hog confinements and family farms, which touched home for many of the students in the room coming from Iowa and the surrounding areas," Bohling said.

Barnes and Bohling both said they felt Kennedy was a great role model for students and other members of the Wartburg community.

"Although I may not have agreed with him 100 percent of the time, he is certainly a great example of someone who is an excellent advocate of what they stand for," Barnes said.

Additionally, Bohling said people should not solely focus on whether they agree with everything Kennedy has done because there are lessons to take away from his work.

"It is important to note that he does speak up for what he feels is right and does a nice job of educating others about his work," Bohling said.

Kennedy's visit marked the beginning of the Commission on Mission Service Task Force events. Other service task force events including the Go Green Fair took place on Friday and Saturday.

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Tickets for American Idol David Cook: SOLD OUT

Amanda Gahler/*TRUMPET*

Students wait outside Neumann Auditorium Jan. 26 prior to tickets going on sale exclusively to students at 8 a.m. for the E.T.K. David Cook concert. Cook will perform for a full house in Neumann Auditorium on Feb. 23.

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First-year male and college diversity retention is higher than previous years

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So, we are very pleased with this increase," Waldstein said.

Additionally, the retention of U.S. students of color and international students improved two percent compared to 2006-07.

Waldstein said the big increases in retention are not typical, but are due to a combination of things.

"Historically speaking, last year's retention was particularly low. Not only are we back to where we were, but our overall retention is better," Waldstein said. "Also, we changed some things this year, and I think they came together."

The retention committee focused on changing things to make the overall student satisfaction better, Waldstein said.

The Orange EXCELeration program was modified to include shorter class time and more free time during orientation. Additionally, more efforts were taken in Pathways and the residence halls.

Waldstein also said the reason for an increase in retention rate could also be due to recruitment of a stronger first-year class.

"We are all sitting a little bit on pins and needles because we think we have been doing a good job, but because of the economy, and nervousness in higher education in general, this year regarding enrollment overall we are really pleased," Waldstein said.

Retention is measured twice a year from fall-to-winter and fall-to-fall. The fall-to-winter retention rate is to monitor what Wartburg's retention is after the first semester.

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NEWS

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Mary-Kate Arnold acts out one of the monologues in one of last year's performances.

V-Week activities hope to raise awareness

JACKIE ALBRECHT *NEWS EDITOR*

Twenty-four female Wartburg students, faculty and staff will take the Lyceum stage this weekend to conclude Wartburg's celebration of V-Week with two performances of "The Vagina Monologues" on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

V-Day is a worldwide organization that focuses on ending and raising awareness about violence against women. The money raised during this week will benefit Cedar Valley Friends of the Family and also the worldwide V-Day organization.

"While the monologues speak a powerful message to its audience, it also is many campaigns' most beneficial fundraiser," V-Day committee president Heather Glass said.

"The Vagina Monologues" was originally written and produced by Eve Ensler. Ensler traveled around the world gathering stories from real women.

"The monologues takes these stories and presents them in ways that make the audience laugh, cry and leave with a new sense of what it means to be a woman," Glass said.

Although written about women, Glass said the show is meant to be seen by both women and men. She said people should see "The Vagina Monologues" at least once.

"The Vagina Monologues" tickets will be available at the V-Day table, located outside of the Mensa, throughout V-Week. Tickets are $8.

This is Wartburg's third-annual celebration of V-Week and performance of "The Vagina Monologues." V-Week will also include a documentary screening, a panel discussion and Eucharist.

The documentary screening occurred Monday and featured "The Day I Will Never Forget." The documentary focuses on Kenyan women and female circumcision.

The panel discussion will start at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Lyceum and will focus on violence against women; however, the discussion will also look at how different religious beliefs and traditions view and deal with violence against women.

The panel members will include professor of psychology Cynthia Bane, professor of religion and liberal studies Peter Nash, Wartburg alum Sinem Tuncer and UNI professor of philosophy, Harry Brod.

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Wartburg selected for study about leadership

Survey focuses on past and current service experiences

ELLEN KURT *ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR*

To provide information about students' prior and current experiences with leadership and service, Wartburg is conducting the Multi-institutional Study of Leadership.

"By getting a sense of what they bring in, what they are currently experiencing and what are some possible outcomes, we can get a better sense on how we can best serve students," Director of Institutional Research Fred Ribich said.

The questions help to discover what kinds of experiences, coursework and service-work students are engaged in while they are at Wartburg, and what students see as important outcomes of education, especially in developing their leadership qualities.

If the results of the survey would come back saying that Wartburg students do not perform as much service as the college thought they did, the college has some options they might use to encourage students to do service.

"We would want to explore our options in making the [service] opportunities more available to our students. That's certainly another point of focus statement. Whether we would ever get to a point where, for example, we would consider requiring students to do service, I don't know," Ribich said.

One option some schools consider to help get students more involved around campus is a student engagement transcript which shows what students have participated in while they were undergraduates.

"There is a question of if it is important overall to a student's education.

"Should the institution be recognizing this by providing essentially a transcript of extracurricular kinds of involvement? Down the road, that could be something that gets looked at," Ribich said.

The college likes to use this kind of survey on a cyclical basis, every three or four years, so there is some kind of trend information to look at. Ribich says this survey will mostly be used again.

"At some point, particularly given that we may initiate some changes in programming and that sort of thing, we might want to monitor to what extent that has made any difference," Ribich said.

The data is managed by the National Clearinghouse for Leadership Programs, an independent contractor performing the actual survey. It'll be summarized into a report that will then be given to Wartburg telling how students responded to the various questions along with the raw data file.

Ribich encourages all students to participate in this survey. If students did not participate this past week, they will have until Feb. 6 to complete it.

"Fifty percent of students participating is a challenging goal because there are a lot of schools that do these surveys, and they're lucky to get 30 percent," Ribich said, "But I think, our advantage is our student population is a little smaller and, frankly, I think our students are more conscientious and responsible than a lot of others," he said. "So they follow through and that's a good thing."

When looking at the results of this survey down the road, Ribich said that it would be great if the college could take comfort that this is a good snapshot of our student population.

That's the key thing, Ribich said, particularly when talking about what changes the college wants to make.

The college does not want to do things that are only going to impact a small percentage of students, they would like to impact all students favorably.

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Tuition increase is a guarantee next year

LUKE SHANNO *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

Tuition numbers are set for 2009-10 tuition after the Wartburg College Board of Regents held a conference call last Wednesday to finalize the fees for the next academic year.

Hamm said tuition will increase, but the board "worked hard to increase at a lower percent than in previous years."

Numbers for tuition, although set, were not available before the publication deadline.

"We've long felt we need to get decisions about tuition out earlier," Wartburg College President William Hamm said.

According to Hamm, the board has been working hard this year to set tuition early to give new and returning students, and their parents or guardians more time to plan for next year's tuition.

Hamm also commented that with the economy in its current state, it is hard to predict how people will react to fluctuation in tuition from year-to-year.

He added that built in increases, such as food costs present the most challenges when setting the budget and tuition.

The 2009-10 budget is not finished even though tuition has been set. The board is working on planning other areas of the budget.

Look for a full tuition report in next week's Trumpet and on The Circuit.

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Op/Ed

What's Your Take?

How would you personally go about solving the problems of the environment?

Kaitlin Doyle

"I think it has to do with telling our kids about the importance of recycling, number one. Number two, the importance of using less energy. So just teaching kids to use less like you don't need to take five of that, just take one..."

Eric Golder

"I would say become more interactive with your environment, like go camping more, spend more time hiking and build a relationship with mother nature...that way you'll develop more of a sense of responsibility to become environmentally active in preservation work."

Stephanie Harbaugh

"The things that I've been doing lately is just unplugging appliances, where they're not being in use, taking shorter showers, turning our thermostat down a couple degrees and just making sure all lights are off when leaving a room."

Kate Mortensen
Waverly Light and Power

"I really think that recycling plays a vital role in changing the way our society has gone...instead of making new things out of our natural resources, we need to pick the things that are already there, recycle them, produce them into new things. Even if it does cost a little more to do that."

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Did music really die on cold February evening?

ANDREW NOSTVICK *OP/ED EDITOR*

The 50th Anniversary of "The Day the Music Died" is coming up on Tuesday.

It's the day when Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper all perished just outside of Clear Lake in a plane crash.

The term "The Day the Music Died" was coined by singer Don McLean, who used it in his famous song "American Pie."

I look at the current state of music and I ask, did music really die on that February night in Clear Lake?

My short answer is no. However, seeing as though I have a third of the page to fill, the long answer sounds better.

You can't look at music as one giant landscape in this day and age. Music has broken into genres like rock, pop, gospel, country, etc.

Even genres are breaking into their own sub-genres, like punk rock, country rock, country pop, hip-hop, etc.

Music has evolved a lot in the past 50 years. For example, we've moved from blues to rock 'n' roll, to heavy metal, to punk rock, to grunge, to whatever the latest sub-genre is.

Some of these artists today I've never heard.

I had never heard of Lil Wayne until last year. The same goes for the Jonas Brothers and Amy Winehouse.

Acts that were popular more than 20 years ago are still out there on tour and evolving in order to keep up with today's music scene.

For example, Bon Jovi was one of the top arena rock bands of the 1980s. Today, Bon Jovi does less arena rock and a little more country rock. I prefer the 80s Bon Jovi.

I'm an old school type of listener. I like music from the 90s alternative all the way back to the 50s and blues music. B.B. King is better than Kanye West.

That's not to say I don't like some music from today.

I love the indie, college rock that can be heard on KWAR.

Music can never die. It's left a mark on our society and culture. We'll always have music.

So listen to some Buddy Holly on Tuesday and help keep the music past alive.

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Warning: This column is not in 3-D

JOSH MONIZ *STAFF WRITER*

Last week I drove into Cedar Falls to see "My Bloody Valentine 3-D." I knew it would be bad, but I wanted to see it for what it represented: the old 50s and 80s 3-D horror flicks that died out before I was born. When I got to the theater, there was a sign under my movie's time, that it was "only available in 2-D." The same turned out to be true for the other theaters in the area.

The situation illustrated an important problem: the theaters weren't up to speed with the new wave of theater technology.

In recent years, movies, and movie theaters in particular, have faced a crisis. The economy, TiVo, Netflix, shorter DVD release dates and illegal downloading have combined to form the perfect storm against movies.

In desperation, theater chain owners turned to every gimmick they could find to keep people in the seats. Their game plan has a clever logic to it.

The state-of-the-art sound, picture and 3-D spectacles can't be properly replicated on TV or computers. The idea is to make theaters an event experience, like a concert but with more gadgets.

Unfortunately, the attention-grabbing techniques come at a price. Nearly all the 3-D film "plots" are nothing more than contrived set-ups for the next effect. That would be fine, popcorn-munching fun if it's what your looking for.

Without 3-D, there is no point to the movies.

The locally owned and small chain theaters are no where near being updated. These small theaters have been hit hard like the others, but are limping on by the skin of their teeth.

They simply didn't have the money to renovate the theaters with new projecters. With half of the movies due out this year being 3-D, they are going to be hit hard. How can theaters draw in a crowd for movies missing their main selling point?

The new 3-D trend is going to wallop the very industry that is looking to it as a savior.

Either the quality of the films is going to really need to go up, or the theater industry may go down.

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Open letter to new owner of The Dungeon banner

LUKE SHANNO *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

People continue to amaze me, and not in a good way.

I should clarify. Most people are fine, but there are some individuals who just ruin things for others, at whatever cost.

Many of you have probably heard of The Dungeon, or at least I hope you have. The Dungeon is a new student section trying to improve attendance at athletic events.

We've created new T-shirts, new promotions, prizes and contests and they've been met with a lot of positive feedback.

One thing that was done to add another dimension to the student-section atmosphere was the designing, purchase and hanging of a banner that helped visually identify the presence of a student section in Levick Arena.

During the women's basketball game Saturday, it was brought to my attention that the banner was gone from its usual position.

After representatives from the maintenance and athletic departments were contacted, it was established that the banner was not taken down by those departments.

I don't know who would take it, or why anyone would. There are a few scenarios that top my list.

The last home basketball game before Saturday was Saturday, Jan. 24, against Faith Baptist and if my recollection is correct, the banner was still up

We also have hosted at least one high school basketball game before Saturday, so we're checking into that possibility as well.

My only other logical explanation is someone took the liberty of removing it from the bleachers to decorate their walls.

If this really is the case, which I hope it isn't, I don't know what to say.

I've always held my classmates in a higher regard, thinking for the most part that people on this campus are above theft.

If someone really liked the banner, I could have given them the design, told you where to order it and how much it would cost.

If someone felt the need to steal a campus-organization banner that many people worked hard on designing and paying for, just for a few laughs or for a decoration, I really hope you're getting enjoyment out of it in some sick and twisted way.

I didn't really think that we needed baby-sitters in college, well at least not for something like this, but we do. If you can't respect the belongings of others, especially the property of a campus group, you probably shouldn't be here.

That may sound harsh, but that's how I feel about stealing, especially when the group is trying to create activities and give away prizes... FOR STUDENTS. What a way to make me not want to give prizes away or provide entertainment.

If anyone has information on the banner and its possible location, feel free to e-mail me. The address is at the bottom of the article.

If the new owner of the banner happens to be reading this, also feel free to contact me. In fact, I'd love to have a conversation with you.

If the banner somehow turns up within the next week, either delivered to me, or re-hung in Levick Arena as before, no problems and no questions asked.

I was hoping to write about something other than this, something more relevant to life, school or something just plain witty.

But one person, or a group of people, managed to ruin that when they chose to steal. Thanks. Can't wait to hear from you.

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Wartburg students living in the Outback

Three students are spending Winter Term completing internships, working with homeless and children in southern Australia

RACHEL BIEDERMANN *STAFF WRITER*

Three Wartburg students are in Adelaide, Australia spending Winter Term completing internships with Lutheran Community Care, a social service agency of the Australian Lutheran Church.

During their stay in Australia, Hilary Wieck, Morgan Pahls and Ellie Rogaczewski plan to work with homeless families and assist a Family Zone Hub, which concentrates on children five years old and younger.

Rogaczewski said the superb sight seeing opportunities and top-notch accommodations are bonuses, but not the main focus of the trip.

"It is especially important for me to help those with less because I am so blessed in my life. In Australia, I look forward to observing and learning about systems that assist the homeless in a developed nation," Rogaczewski said.

"There are so many different things that I can gain and learn from this experience that it's hard to put in to words."

-Hilary Wieck

Wieck is also looking forward to learning from her experience.

"I am planning on becoming a more well-rounded individual. I love to learn about other cultures, backgrounds and people, so I just plan on growing in knowledge, experiences and relationships," she said.

"There are so many different things that I can gain and learn from this experience that it's hard to put into words."

During the next three months, the students will be staying at Hosanna Heights, a residential facility located in Adelaide. It is privately owned and tailored to the needs of both local and international students.

Hosanna Heights includes a mini gym, study areas, tearooms and an evening meal of predominantly Asian food.

Wieck said that Adeliade is known for its art, film and music. She plans to visit some of the festivals, museums and shows that the city offers.

The city is close to Morialta Falls National Park, which includes three picturesque waterfalls.

Other recreational activities available in the area include rock climbing, hiking and going to the beach. The students said it is important to them to understand Australia's history. and how its government is structured differently than the United States' government.

"Australia is actually called the Commonwealth of Australia. They don't have a president, just Queen Elizabeth II who is represented by the governor-general," Wieck said.

"There are many more parties that are active in Australian government than in the U.S., which is basically centered on Democrats or Republicans."

While in Australia, the students not only plan to study the differences between the United States and Australia, but also will experience them by putting aside time to explore the Outback.

"I hope to do as much traveling as possible. There is a chance that I'll get to spend time camping in the Outback. Who knows, I may even learn to surf," Rogaczeweski said.

Wieck is also excited about exploring the country.

"I plan on going to Kangaroo Island and doing some snorkeling, caving and rock climbing. I would also like to visit the Adelaide Hills, which is where some of the best wine in the world is made," Wieck said.

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Morgan Pahls, Ellie Rogaczewski and Hilary Wieck are living in Adelaide, Australia during Winter Term. They are interning with a social service agency affiliated with the Australian Lutheran Church.

Black Violin coming to campus this week

SARAH VAN *STAFF WRITER*

Black Violin, a music duo from Florida, will combine many genres of music to create a sound all their own during their performance at Wartburg.

The two classically trained musicians, Kev Marcus and Wil B, will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, in Neumann Auditorium.

"They cover classical songs and hip-hop. It's just really cool to hear [the songs] in a different way," said Shelley Hartman, ETK office manager and hospitality director.

It is difficult to describe Black Violin's style and musical genre.

"To most people, jazz, hip-hop, funk and classical are music genres. But to this revolutionary group, they're nothing but ingredients," according to Black Violin's Web site.

The band has an extensive touring record.

According to Black Violin's Web site, Black Violin performed over 200 shows in nine countries and 45 states this past year.

Black Violin accompanied Alicia Keys at the 2004 Billboard Awards, which jumpstarted their success.

Earning the 2005 "Apollo Legends" award pushed the two into international fame. They have received the award two more times since.

The duo has opened shows for Akon, Fat Joe, Common, Wu-Tang and Jay-Z.

Black Violin has also worked with P. Diddy, Kanye West, Fifty Cent, Aerosmith, Tom Petty, Aretha Franklin and the Eagles.

Mike Shonoda, the lead singer of Linkin Park, also invited Black Violin to tour with his hip-hop side project, Fort Minor.

Marcus and Wil B consider Bach, Nas and Jay-Z to be among their many influences.

However, Stuff Smith, a famous jazz violinist, is their biggest influence. His last album, "Black Violin," inspired the band's name.

Marcus started playing the violin when he was nine years old.

At age 14, Wil-B wanted to play saxophone, but he was accidentally placed into his school's strings section and learned to play viola instead.

The two long-time friends graduated from Dillard Performing Arts High School together and went on to study at separate colleges.

Both received full rides, Marcus to Florida International University and Will-B to Florida State University.

"It's something different," Harman said.

"It's a great opportunity to hear classically trained musicians."

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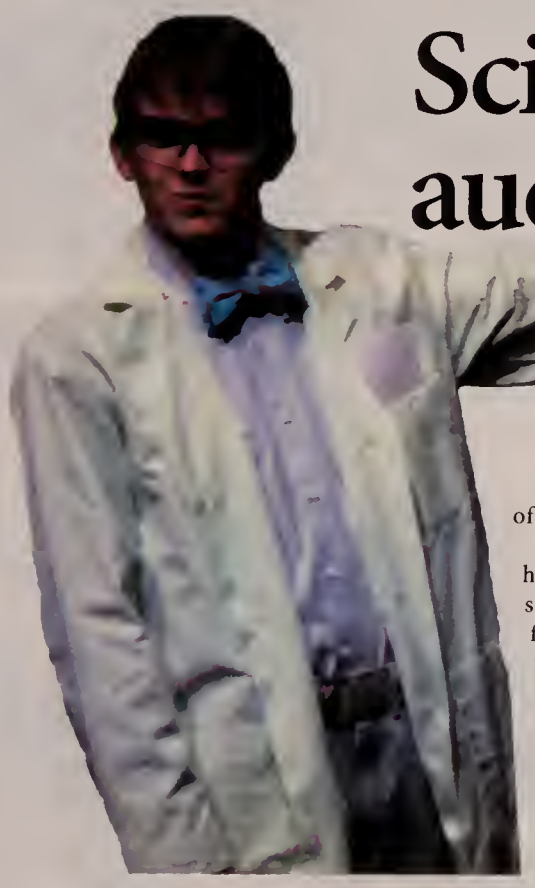
Courtesy Photo

Black Violin will perform its original music in Neumann Auditorium Wednesday.

Amanda Gahler/*TRUMPET*

Ted Baylor and Max Kuenstling demonstrate the effect of liquid nitrogen during the Physics and Chemistry Demonstration Show Saturday.



Science show excites audience

Physics and chemistry clubs demonstrate the fun of science

EMILY SCHMITT *KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR*

A brown marshmallow bear is inside an airtight jar as a vacuum slowly sucks out the air. Children in the audience jumped and giggled as the changing air pressure caused the bear to expand, first doubling and then tripling in size.

It was one of the experiments Wartburg chemistry and physics students did for the full crowd in McCaskey Lyceum during the Physics and Chemistry Demonstration Show Saturday.

"It's exciting to do the experiments. Showing other people and seeing their reaction and excitement is fun," LuAnn Copper, Chemistry Club vice president, said.

The video from a camera was projected on a screen on the stage, giving everyone in the audience a close-up view of each experiment.

One of the highlights of the show, expecially for the more than a dozen children in the audience, was the liquid nitrogen demonstration.

Various items, including balloons, rubber balls, flowers and graham crackers, were placed in a canister of liquid nitrogen and then removed to show the reaction it had on each item.

Local elementary students Broedy Hinderaker and his brother, Colton Hinderaker, were excited to taste a sample of graham crackers that had been exposed to the liquid nitrogen during the show.

"They were really hard and tasted so cold and frozen. It was cool," Broedy Hinderaker said.

A rubber racquetball was placed in the liquid nitrogen and then dropped to the floor. When the rubber ball did not bounce but instead shattered, the audience cheered and pieces of the ball were handed out to children.

Colton Hinderaker said the piece of ball he got was very hard. He liked watching the ball shatter and said he hopes he will get to play with liquid nitrogen someday.

The purpose of the event, which was held for the first time last year, is to show the audience why science is exciting.

"This has been put together primarily by students in the chemistry and physics club at Wartburg," Ben Bousquet, assistant professor of physics, said.

Science students were each responsible for demonstrating a specific experiment during the show. Many worked in pairs to demonstrate reactions and explain to the audience why the happened.

"One thing that you'll notice about our demonstration show that's different from any demonstration show I've ever seen before is that ours is entirely student-led," Christine DeVries, assistant professor of chemistry, said.

Christina Sloan, president of Chemistry Club and Physics Club, said the show was an idea that had been considered for some time before it was put into action last year.

"Finally, we really got going and created a list of demos that we thought would be fun to do," Sloan said.

After a larger-than-expected audience filled the science center room last year, the clubs chose to have this year's show in McCaskey Lyceum.

"Most of us are science majors and we really find what we do fun and exciting. The show is to share what we've learned and what we enjoy," Sloan said. "We want to show the community and school why science is so great."

The finale of the show involved three balloons held in the air on long sticks.

One was filled with hydrogen, one with oxygen and one with a mixture of the two gases.

The audience was told to plug their ears as a flame was exposed to each balloon, one at a time.

While the crowd gasped and screamed, each balloon caught on fire and exploded while science students explained why one made a louder noise than the other.

"I liked it when they popped the big balloons at the end," Colton Hinderaker said. "It was a really loud noise."

After the show, Sarah Matt said she was already looking forward to helping with the planning of next year's show. She said the show is one of her favorite science activities.

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CDreview★★★★★

David Cook album is down to earth, full of vaierty

AMANDA MOENK *STAFF WRITER*

After David Cook released his self-titled album Nov. 18, 2008, it rose to No. 3 on The Billboard 200 chart during its first week.

With its tracks ranging in style from slow to hard rock, this artist will be around for a while.

With his first single, "The Time of My Life," Cook shows the vocal range he offers, while connecting with the listener through his lyrics.

After winning "American Idol," this song became the most downloaded track on iTunes, showing this artist's potential.

"Light On" was released as Cook's next single in Sept. 2008 and is still climbing the charts. It is at No. 24, going up three spots from last week.

After Cook's singles, the next few songs that are some of the best on his album include "Permanent," "Declaration" and "Come Back to Me."

"Permanent" is one of the more sad songs on the album. It is about Cook's brother, who has been battling cancer for quite some time.

Listeners can hear the pain and emotion Cook put into performing and writing the song.

"Declaration" is one of the faster-paced songs on his album and the lyrics are catchy. It has more of a rock feel than some of his other songs.

Another good song, "Come Back to Me," talks of loving someone enough to let them go and see if they will come back.

Cook wrote or co-wrote 11 of the 12 songs. The album is realistic and down to earth.

I can't pick one favorite song; fans will enjoy the whole album even if they are not familiar with all of Cook's songs right away.

After a few listens, the album grows on you and makes it something worth listening to.

Watch out for David Cook in the future, because with an album like this as his first, there could be a lot more great songs in the future.

I give his album five out of five stars.

★★★★★

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Knightlife

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NEWS

Student-made videos encourage sustainability efforts

SARAH MAXWELL *STAFF WRITER*

The month of February is committed to the challenge of sustainability and students from all Iowa private colleges were invited to make films addressing one of three issues: energy conservation, alternative energy sources, or carbon footprinting. Wartburg swept the awards.

Natalie Tendall and Stephanie Harbaugh won first place for their video called "Don't Recycle."

"We got the idea from the video 'Don't Vote,'" Tendall said. "Don't Vote" featured many celebrities trying to persuade the American public to vote and that it is their right and responsibility to vote.

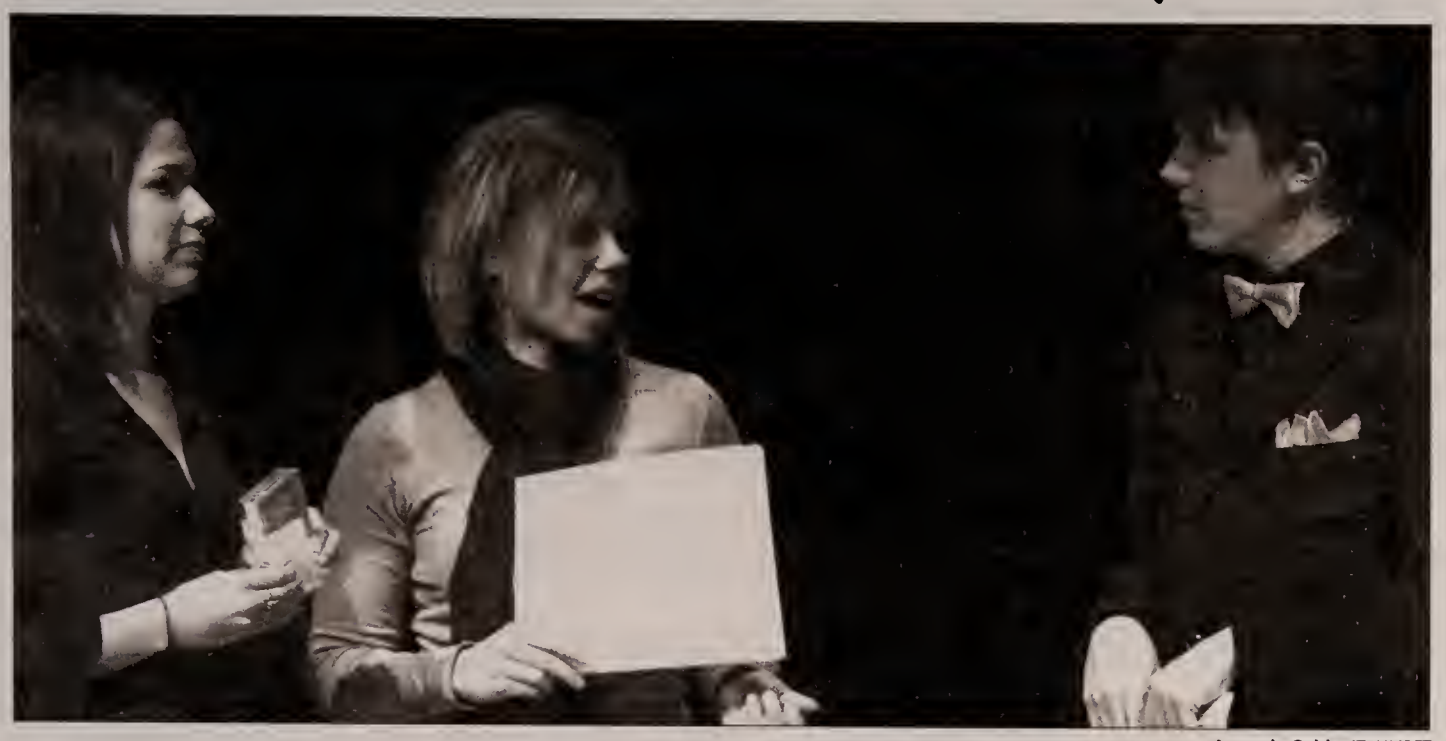
The video featured many Wartburg students telling the audience not to recycle and then began explaining why it is important to recycle and take care of Earth.

"We wanted people to know how ridiculous it sounds when someone says don't recycle," Harbaugh said.

If one wants to see change happen then one must make the change themselves, a major point in Tendall and Harbaugh's video.

"To go green, people need to do something," Tendall said.

In second place were James Juett, Travis Kruger, Eric Johnson and Daniel Henrich with their film called "Two Laptops: A Conversation."



Amanda Gahler/*TRUMPET*

Natalie Tendall and Stephanie Harbaugh accept the grand prize of $1,000 from emcee Matt Langston on behalf of their group, which made a video entitled "Don't Recycle" for the "Tell Me" video competition.

"This was for our Lohe project. We make videos to show that you can spread a message through educational media. We probably would have made this video even without the competition," Kruger said.

Their video featured two laptops that were left on all day using energy that was not needed and could have been saved.

The foursome looked for something that everyone can do to save energy. They used the laptops because it was different from the normal way of preaching about conserving energy.

In third place were Jason Lansing, Justin Novinger, Craig Kreman, Adam Weber and Seth Drury with their film "Household Conservation."

Their film was a documentary about what they do to conserve energy.

"Our parents raised us to recycle, so when this competition was announced, we decided to show others what we are already doing," Lansing said.

"It's really a no-brainer to recycle and conserve energy," Novinger said.

Lansing and Novinger said it is simple and easy to find ways to conserve energy. It doesn't take a lot of time or cost a lot.

"We would like to see more areas to recycle on campus," Novinger said.

The videos were judged by experts from University of Northern Iowa, University of Iowa, the Cedar Rapids Gazette and from World Food Prize which is a consultant for the BBC.

"Sustainability begins with one person, but only works when everyone becomes involved. Everyone can and should help," the master of ceremonies for the award ceremony Matt Langston said.

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Students can apply to serve during Tour Week

LUKE SHANNO *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

The Wartburg College service trips group recently announced five Tour Week service trips.

The trips will take students to many different regions this spring and will offer unique experiences to those who are involved.

Trips include hurricane relief in New Orleans, La., led by Seth Drury and Rachel Coleman, focusing on the continued clean up after Hurricane Katrina.

"Even almost four years after Hurricane Katrina, there is still so much work left to be done and so many issues to be resolved, I'm really looking forward to the opportunity to serve the New Orleans community," Coleman said.

There will also be a poverty trip to Denver, led by Reid Travis and Eric Ulrichs, both Wartburg West alums familiar with the area.

Students will also have the option of a trip to Cumberland Trail, Tenn., focusing on outdoor trails, bridges and conservation in a remote section of the Appalachian mountain range, led by Erika Nelson and Shelby Colwell. Mike Mertz and Kyle Huegel will lead a marsh restoration and/or handicap-accessible hiking trail construction trip to the Outer Banks of North Carolina and Nate Palmolea and Sarah Dentlinger will lead a poverty trip to Minneapolis.

"There's a really high interest in the Tour Week trips so far this year," Mike Mertz, co-marketing coordinator for service trips said. "It's important for all applicants to look at and consider all trips that are available to them when signing up."

Sign up for all Tour Week service trips are underway and will go until March 20. When signing up, individuals who are first to sign up and first to pay their deposit will have the best chance of receiving their first trip choice.

Mertz said, besides the direct service to the communities in which they serve, many students have been greatly impacted by their service trip experience.

"These trips are great opportunities to meet new people, learn new skills and become more aware of different issues around the country," Mertz said.

"It will be great to meet new people and get to work alongside fellow Wartburg College students," Coleman said.

According to the Wartburg service trips Web site, in the 2006-07 academic year, the recent with statistics available, participants in the service trip program contributed over 9,200 hours of service with an estimated value of over $134,000.

"Service trips have certainly had a huge impact on my Wartburg experience," Mertz said.

Applications are available online at www.wartburg.edu/servicetrips.

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New organization focuses on building English skills

ASHLEY EVANS *STAFF WRITER*

Reading, writing and shenanigans? Students have developed an English club called Pen and Inc. at Wartburg and plan on using all three to strengthen their English abilities and create a writing community on campus.

Members of Pen and Inc. meet every other Thursday in McCoy West at 9 p.m. The next meeting is Feb. 5. Two seniors, Claudio D'amato and Emily Van Oosbree, who believe English majors should get more representation on campus, started the group.

"We feel left out, and we want some place we can perform our own shenanigans," D'amato said.

Some members feel being around other students from their major and applying skills they've learned on their own time will be the greatest benefit.

"It's a fun group to engage in intellectual conversation with. Also, I think there is a severe lack of academic community you aren't forced to go to for class on campus," Alex Krumm, English education major, said.

All activities at the meetings will include literary presentations by members of the group followed by discussion, critiques and responses. Trips to poetry readings or English faculty presentations are also planned.

English Club activities are based on the same models of other groups on campus like the History Club and the Philosophical and Literary Society.

English clubs have been created in the past but tend to come and go with the students who founded them, D'amato said.

D'amato sent out blanket e-mails informing all students of the club that are registered as English, writing or English education majors and plans to recruit from composition classes in the future. The club currently has over 25 members, but is not only for English majors.

The 25 include a Spanish education major, a psychology major, two non-traditional students and two international students.

"Anyone who is passionate about writing can join," D'amato said. "We are open to all."

The group plans to meet a few times to see how things go before applying for official recognition, D'amato said.

To officially apply, the club must have a faculty adviser. Paul Hedeen has accepted the position and looks forward to seeing what the students have planned.

"It should be smart fun," he said.

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SPORTS

Home meet equals success for Knights

SETH DRURY *ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR*

The men's and women's track and field teams had a successful dual against Augustana (Ill.), this past weekend in the Hoover Fieldhouse and Track as the men had six first-place finishers and the women had 15.

The women also had two provisional qualifiers.

"It's the early part of our season but I think we did a very good job across the board in the field events and the running events. It was good to get everyone in competition especially our distance runners in competition," head coach Marcus Newsom said.

Faith Burt provisionally qualified in the 55-meter dash as she ran a time of 7.17 seconds, which is just short of automatically qualifying. Her time also set a new track record.

Burt also competed in the 200-meter dash and once again set a new track record running to a first-place finish with a time of 25.92 seconds. Right behind her was Jenny Kordick and Nevada Morrison who finished second and third respectively.

Erika Menning grabbed top honors in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:00.57.

In the 600-meter run Hannah Baker set a new track record with a time of 1:36.49, Christine Marchik finished behind Baker in second.

Luke Shanno/*TRUMPET*

Mike Veenendaal clears the high jump bar during the pentathlon.

The Kuiken twins controlled the middle distance races as Amanda won the 800-meter run and Jennifer won the 1000-meter run. In the mile, Jennifer held off sister Amanda by .02 seconds to take first.

Emily van Oosbree ran a time of 10:46.49 in the 3000-meter run which was good enough for first place. Kelsey Steffens provisionally qualified in the 55-meter hurdles in the prelims as Brittany Thomas and Steph Haberer took first and second respectively in the finals.

The field events went Wartburg's way as Amber Axon and Alicia Ford took first and second in the high jump as they both finished with a jump of 1.57 meters.

In the long jump, Hannah Baker won her second event of the day as Skye Morrison finished second.

Pam Rodgers swept the weight throw and the shot put as Brittany Melloy and Becca Fagerlind finished first and second respectively in the pentathlon.

Akeya Aimable, competing in the triple jump for the first time took home 1st with a jump of 11.13 meters.

"Akeya is one of our better athletes and Coach Sage has wanted Akeya to try the triple jump for the past couple of years and it was easily a highlight of the meet. They only worked for a little bit this week and already her performance puts her at number two in the top 10 so who knows where she might end up with a little more work," Newsom said.

The men's dual was highlighted by six top place finishes. In the 800-meter run, Ben Hackbart and Luke Appleton placed first and second respectively.

Drew Shradel took home first 55-meter hurdles and Damoan Lott jumped 6.42 meters which was good enough for first place in the long jump.

John Kuckelman swept the throwing events throwing 14.16 meters in the shot put and 15.81 meters in the weight throw.

"I threw well in both. I didn't win the shot until my last throw and the weight is my better event and I knew I just needed to win that because I didn't feel like there was a lot of competition," Kuckelman said.

The indoor track and field team will compete again this Saturday at the Hoover Field House and Track when the Knights host the Wartburg Indoor Select, which is scheduled to start at 10 a.m.

"It is going to be really good competition with UW-La Crosse, and UW-Platteville and other teams who have all finished in the top 10 in the past years whether it's in indoor or outdoor either way it is going to be one of the premiere meets in Div. *III* and have a pretty big outcome on the season," Newsom said.

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IIAC Standings

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Team	IIAC	Overall
Buena Vista*	10-1	18-2
Cornell	8-3	15-5
Loros	8-3	13-7
Wartburg	**6-4**	**11-8**
Central	5-5	11-8
Dubuque	5-6	12-8
Luther	2-8	5-13
Simpson	2-9	6-14
Coe	2-9	6-14

* Clinched IIAC Tourney berth

IIAC Standings

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team	IIAC	Overall
Simpson*	10-1	18-2
Loras	8-3	13-7
Wartburg	**7-3**	**12-7**
Buena Vista	7-4	14-6
Luther	5-5	6-12
Coe	5-6	11-9
Central	3-7	7-12
Dubuque	3-8	7-13
Cornell	0-11	5-14

* Clinched IIAC Tourney berth

IIAC Standings

WRESTLING

Team	IIAC	Overall
Wartburg	**6-0**	**13-2-1**
Coe	6-1	14-5
Cornell	5-1	14-6
Dubuque	5-2	6-4
Loros	4-4	6-10
Luther	3-4	6-10
Bueno Visto	2-6	3-11
Central	0-6	2-9
Simpson	0-7	1-10

Knights split two on week

ERIC THIELE *STAFF WRITER*

The Wartburg men's basketball team split a pair of games this week, topping the University of Dubuque 71-53 in front of a home crowd Saturday afternoon and dropping a game to Loras in Dubuque on Wednesday 61-45.

Saturday's win saw eight of the 10 players who entered the game for the Knights put up at least three points. The Knights were led by Ross Timmermans as he finished the night with 16 points.

The first half was back and forth with the biggest lead being held by the Knights 20-13 with 5:58 left in the half.

With 16:30 left in the game, the Knights went on a 13-0 run to take a 46-33 lead and never looked back.

Down the stretch, the Knights were led by Cole Danielson and Timmermans as they each scored 13 points in the second half and were able to pick apart the Spartan defense.

Luke Shanno/*TRUMPET*

Jordan Sathoff goes up for two of his 12 points against the Spartans.

Jordan Sathoff added 12 points for the Knights with seven rebounds.

Kelly McCarville, who came off the bench to score seven points and pull down 10 rebounds.

The Knights had a rough time on Wednesday as they fell to the Loras 61-45.

Shooting the basketball seemed to be a problem for the Knights as they only shot 31.1 percent from the field including 15.8 percent from three-point range where the Knights shot 3-of-19 with Timmermans making all three of the three point shots.

The leading scorer was Timmermans who had 11 points while McCarville chipped in nine.

"We just didn't shoot the ball very well. I don't know if we ever adapted to the physicality of the game. We need to take shots within the framework of the offense. We need to play to our strengths," head coach Dick Peth said.

Not only were the Knights having an off-night shooting but they were outrebounded 51-35.

Sathoff lead the Knights pulling down eight boards.

The Knights are currently 11-8 overall and 6-4 in the Iowa Conference and will head to Buena Vista on Wednesday. The Beavers recently clinched an IIAC tournamnet birth and only have one conference loss on the year, coming from the Knights. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m. in Storm Lake.

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Sports

Luke Shanno/*TRUMPET*
Jacob Naig wrestled Dale Fava of Delaware Valley en route to an 8-2 decision in Levick Arena Saturday.

After falling to Auggies, Knights tie Aggies at home

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sore and what not, I don't think it really had a bearing on what we did or not," Wernimont said.

Kist and Seth Flodeen set the tone for the close match, as they went into triple overtime, an overtime in which No. 5 Flodeen came out on top of No. 6 Kist. The decision gave Augsburg the lead 3-0.

Kelly and No. 1 Travis Lang met as the top-two ranked individuals in the nation in their weight class. Lang extended the Auggies lead to 9-0 after a pin 1:43 into the match.

No. 2 McKray helped the Knights get on the board after topping No. 7 Tony Valek 5-3. Naig and Willy Holst also pitted a one-two match-up as the top-ranked wrestler, Holst, came out with the 5-2 decision.

"I think Zach McKray wrestled pretty well this weekend, he had a hurt knee and still wrestled well," Wernimont said. "Naig also wrestled well this weekend."

Top-ranked Wernimont and Hanson helped the Knights get to their closest lead as they inched to a 12-10 deficit.

Wernimont recorded a major decision over No. 5 Jason Adams and Hanson helped the Knights with a 14-7 decision over Brandon Bahr.

Grant Jenkins dropped a 4-2 decision for the Knights against No. 7 Zach Molitor, but No. 1 – ranked Djoumessi helped the Knights back to a two-point deficit at 15-13, when he brought home a 6-4 decision over Brad Baus.

Augsburg's No. 2 Jared Massey (197 lbs.) brought home the win for the Auggies as he pinned Wartburg's Dylan Wrage in 1:16 making the score 21-13.

Helgerson did his part as the No. 4 – ranked wrestler in the country by topping No. 7 Andy Witzel 3-1 to make the final score 21 – 16.

"We've just got to come back in the wrestling room these next couple weeks before conference and we are going to really focus on getting in shape. Each guy has certain things he needs to improve on and we'll just work on everything at an individual level," Wernimont said.

The Knights will resume their conference dual schedule this week as they head to Cornell Tuesday night with wrestling scheduled to start at 7 p.m. and then host Central at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Levick Arena.

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Knights finish week 2-0 in IIAC

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game into overtime.

Overtime saw similar play to the last minutes of the second half with each team staying close.

With each basket, the opposing team had an answer, but when the buzzer sounded, it was Wartburg who was the victor.

"We struggled through a stretch in the 2nd half, but really responded well once Dubuque went up by five. I thought we showed a lot of character by getting some key defensive stops late in the game," Amsberry said.

The leading scorer for the Knights was Abbey Hempen with 17 points.

Sharese Van Sloten had her fourth double-double of the year, scoring 13 points and bringing down 10 rebounds.

Harrington also had 13 points in the win for the Knights.

Earlier in the week, the Knights took on the Loras Duhawks and won 72-52.

Loras had command of the lead early in the first half but the Knights fought back quickly to take the lead for good. Wartburg had a commanding lead at half 41-26. The Knights didn't let up in the second half maintaining and extending their lead throughout the half.

"We played our best defensive game in three years at Loras. I was really proud of our intensity, our ability to force the tempo, and we dominated the glass," Amsberry said.

Van Sloten was the dominating force on offense as she recorded 23 points for the Knights. She was also in command on the rebounds as she brought down nine boards.

Stephanie Reiter put in good performance with 12 points and close behind was Hempen with 10. She and Wilson helped on the boards with eight.

The wins put Wartburg at 7-3 in the conference and 11-7 overall.

The 7-3 conference record puts the Knights a half a game up on Buena Vista and a half game behind Loras.

The Knights will travel to Storm Lake on Wednesday and attempt to keep their lead on the Beavers. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m.

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Amanda Gahler/*TRUMPET*
Leslie Wilson looks for an open Knight Saturday against the Spartans.

Slow sports season creates vast opportunities

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to watch on the weekends?

For some reason 22 days until spring training seems too far away. Sure we have the drama of the Yankees no matter what they do or who is involved, but it just seems too far away.

College basketball has been thrilling this year as the too-good-to-be-beaten Tar Heels have fallen and the ACC and the Big East are competing for top spots in the RPI.

Everyone hates Tyler Hansborough, Stephon Curry is doing his thing and there is no clear No. 1, but we are still too far away from the big dance.

Another sport that eases sports fan out of football season is hockey. Although it does seem as more of a "man" sport, hockey still hasn't fully caught on even though the season is well underway. Hockey doesn't wrap up and roll into the play-offs until mid-April, along with the NBA.

So what can a sports fan especially a football fan do from now until the summer or until spring/summer sports start heating up a little?

I'll just say the options are infinite. There are about 22 days until spring training starts for baseball so what to do.

Join a bowling league. Not only is it a way to get out of the house to avoid seeing Brett Favre's drama of 'to retire or not to retire,' but it can also involve everyone else who would come over and watch football on the weekends. The Waverly Bowl Inn has leagues for every skill type and it's not hard to register.

The other option is to find a hobby that is time consuming and something new and different maybe something like spelunking, which is the recreational sport of exploring caves.

With the snow and ice still around for a little while there is always the option of curling. The sport that captivated a lot of people in the 2006 Winter Olympics will be back again in 2010 so you might as well start practicing. All you need is some ice, some brooms and some giant stones, pans or something that slides. Then again you could always just practice up at your local shuffleboard establishment.

What else can you do, BASEketball. What could be a better sport than BASEketball, it combines baseball and basketball. Basketball that is in season, and Baseball which soon will be so what is better than combining the two for a month and holding a mini BASEketball league.

Sure some leagues would have some weather difficulties but think about how that sport could prosper.

And finally since I said there were infinite ideas and I am having trouble coming up with anymore you can pretty much create your own sport whether it be foccer(combination of football and soccer), swasketball (combination of swimming and basketball), or even white water rockey (Hockey played in rafts on ice not sure how this would work, you figure it out).

So what I now refer to as Off-Seasonal Affective Disorder or OSAD is no longer a problem that is as long as you can jump on to another season or find a new hobby even if it is only for a month. And if anything Waverly could be the next hot spot for curling professionals.

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Transfer athletes play big role in winter sports

Div. I transfers help track and field, men's basketball and wrestling

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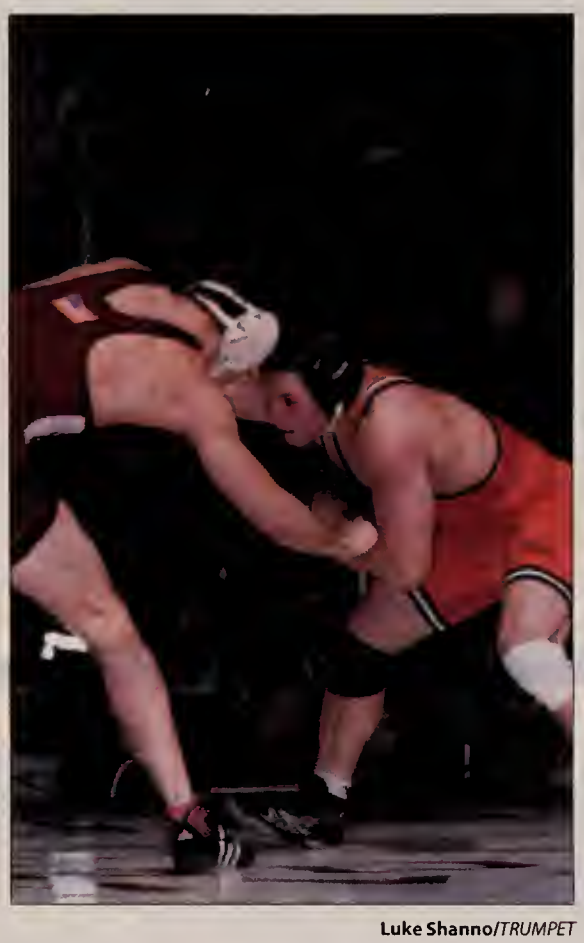
Many Wartburg athletic teams have been lucky this year with the amount of transfer student-athletes. Not only are more student-athletes transferring to Wartburg for athletic reasons, but they are also contributing greatly to the athletic teams.

The wrestling team gained two transfer students this season, and both left Div. I programs to wrestle for Wartburg.

Mark Kist transferred from Iowa State and Dylan Wrage transferred from Ohio University.

The track team hosts two other transfer students from Div. I programs: Sarah Hoffman from Drake and Ryan Putz from Loyola.

The men's basketball team nabbed transfer Ross Timmermans from Kirkwood Community College, among many other student-athletes across the board in all sports.



Luke Shanno/*TRUMPET*

Mark Kist has helped the Knights grapple to No. 2 in Div. III.

Many of the student-athletes transferred for athletic reasons although academic and social aspects still played a key role.

"It was a lot more than just basketball. The people here on campus are really friendly and genuine, which makes it easy to fit in and make friends," Timmermans said.

Head wrestling coach Jim Miller said transferring needs to be about more than just playing a sport and this is the reason why students often come to Wartburg.

The coaches at Wartburg understand that student-athletes have to put academics first and that they are often involved in other activities on campus.

"At Iowa State it was all about wrestling year round. I feel like people at Wartburg understand that we as athletes do have other interests and hobbies," Kist said.

The process of transferring can be difficult for student-athletes because the NCAA has regulations to follow that can create problems with eligibility and ethics.

Student-athletes have to know when they have permission to talk to another school.

They also need to realize that if they do not follow the right process, they may be jeopardizing their next year of participation.

They have to self-release or get release permission from their current coaches, and they have a responsibility to learn as much as they can to protect their own future.

The NCAA also suggests focusing on both school and sports when student-athletes consider transferring schools.

On the academic side, the transfers have to check what credits will transfer and what classes they need to take.

Some classes do not transfer into Wartburg, which would make the transfers stay at Wartburg longer than four years in some cases.

Most of the transfer student-athletes agreed the process of transferring was difficult.

"There were a lot of things to take care of on both sides of the coin. I had to get everything ready to roll at Wartburg and make sure it was all taken care of with Drake," Hoffman said.

Timmermans and Putz agreed that there was a lot of paperwork to take care of and the course of sending transcripts took longer than expected.

Mark Kist had an especially hard time with the transfer.

Luke Shanno/*TRUMPET*

Ross Timmermans guards a Dubuque opponent in Saturday afternoon's game. Timmermans is a transfer from Kirkwood.

"Iowa State made the process more difficult because the coaches were not willing to accept I was leaving and they wouldn't grant me a release from my scholarship until after several meetings," Kist said.

Even though it was a complicated process, most of the transfer student-athletes have said it was worth it.

"The program is more than I expected it to be, and my teammates are awesome. Wartburg track and field is like a big family," Hoffman said.

Timmermans says that he could not have made a better decision.

"Playing in Levick Arena when the crowd is going crazy is the best atmosphere I have ever played in. The student section is just great," Timmermans said.

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Trainer dedicates time to himself and to Wartburg

PAM RODGERS *STAFF WRITER*

Head athletic trainer Tim Koberna is the busiest man in the athletic department.

He's with teams at practices, games and covers multiple sports at the same time. He is in the training room from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

But with the long work year and long hours, Koberna is still finding the time to train for a marathon.

This is not the first time around for Koberna. He participated in the Detroit marathon when he was living in Kalamazoo, Mich. Now, eight years later, he is ready to try again.

"The marathon for me is something I've done once. I'm familiar with the training. I really enjoyed the training. I enjoyed what it did to my body from a physical/mental sense and felt as though I needed to fulfill that again," Koberna said.

Koberna has committed himself to an even busier schedule than normal. He runs during his lunch break.

He will get up at 4 a.m. to get a run in before he takes his kids to school.

Family is a big support system for Koberna. His wife of 14 years MaryBeth and his children Lindsay, 9, and Cameron, 5, are there for him 100 percent of the time.

"My family is huge in this situation," Koberna said. "It is an opportunity for us to get closer as a family and appreciate the time we have together."

Koberna's wife was there when he ran his first marathon. She comes from a family of runners with her father and her brother both participating in many races; so she understands where the motivation comes from.

"I couldn't do it. I think it's crazy, but [Tim] just has this drive and desire," she said.

Koberna has been with Wartburg for three years and Wartburg athletics would not be the same without him.

"[Tim's] so sincere. He really cares about the kids and the kids can tell," assistant athletic trainer Samantha Radel said.

Even though his job keeps him away a lot, Koberna's family is very understanding when it comes to the long hours.

"People are amazed at his job. The hours he puts in, and how hard it must be on his family. But if it's something you're passionate about and really love, then the people around you are going to see that and understand that. He loves it," MaryBeth said.

One of Koberna's main goals is to devote the best possible care to the athletes participating at Wartburg. What drives him is seeing the athletes improve and knowing that he may have had a part in their success.

"I want them to feel as though I am exhausting myself to make sure that we're pursuing all options that are afforded to us here," Koberna said.

A fair share of hardships has been in Koberna's short time here at Wartburg because of the construction of "The W".

The most memorable moment in his time here was seeing the new athletic training facility open.

"For us to open up the door and be able to provide the product, from a service aspect, has been most gratifying," Koberna said.

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Tim Koberna wraps Justin Hanson's leg during the Delaware Valley dual Saturday in Levick Arena.

TRUMPET SPORTS

Upcoming Schedule

Tuesday - Wrestling @ Cornell @ 7 p.m.

Wednesday - Men's Basketball @ Buena Vista @ 8 p.m.
Women's Basketball @ Buena Vista @ 6 p.m.

Saturday - Track and Field @ Wartburg Select @ 10 a.m.

Knights finish tough weekend winless

MAC SLAVIN *SPORTS EDITOR*

Wartburg wrestling saw a weekend that pitted them against the top programs in the nation as the No. 2 Knights wrestled to a draw against No. 3 – ranked Delaware Valley Saturday night and dropped a match to No. 1-ranked Augsburg College Friday night.

"Obviously it was a disappointment, we didn't really wrestle up to our potential, I don't think, and it shows we have a lot to improve on," Aaron Wernimont said.

On Saturday the Knights hosted Delaware Valley in a match that ended in a 17-17 draw.

The first match of the night pitted Delaware Valley's No. 4 – ranked Chris Scheetz (125 lbs.) and Wartburg's No. 6 – ranked Mark Kist. Scheetz pulled off the decision to put the Aggies up 3-0.

No. 2 Matt Kelly (133 lbs.) was upset by No. 6 Brandon Clemmer to extend the Aggies lead to 6-0.

Wartburg's No. 2 – ranked Zach McKray (141 lbs.) started the scoring off for the Knights topping Eric McCann, bringing the score to 6-3. Wartburg evened the score at six after No. 2 Jacob Naig (149 lbs.) brought home an 8-2 decision over Dale Fava.

Top-ranked Wernimont (157 lbs.) gave the Knights their first lead of the day after a technical fall over Robbie Hickman 7:00 into the match, putting the score at 11-6.

"I thought I did alright, I mean there's some stuff I need to work on, but overall I was happy," Wernimont said.

The Knights kept their momentum going as top-ranked Justin Hanson (165 lbs.) finished with a 12-7 decision, giving the Knights a 14-6 lead.

Grant Jenkins (174 lbs.) tried to keep the momentum going for the Knights but fell to No. 5 Rocky Mantella in overtime cutting the Knights lead to 14-9.

Romeo Djoumessi (184 lbs.) and Mike Wilcox met as a battle between No. 1 and No. 2 in the nation respectively. Wilcox pinned Djoumessi in 2:10 and snapped Djoumessi's 34-match win streak.

During the Djoumessi and Wilcox match, Delaware Valley lost a team point because their coach argued with the referee, tying the score at 14.

Byron Tate (197 lbs.) used riding time to top Martin Porter 5-4 putting the Knights up 17-14.

The last match of the night pitted Delaware Valley's No. 2 Kyle Bilquist (285 lbs.) and the Knights No. 4 John Helgerson. Bilquist managed to get an escape in the third period of the match giving him the win 2-1.

The win ended the dual in a 17-17 tie.

The Knights traveled to Minneapolis Friday night to take on top-ranked Augsburg, in a match that featured only three un-ranked wrestlers.

"I don't think [wrestling back to back nights]was much different. It wasn't that much different for me, as far as being

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Luke Shanno/*TRUMPET*

Aaron Wernimont kept his No. 1-ranking by recording a major decision over Augsburg's No. 5 Jason Adams.

Women win overtime thriller over Spartans

PAM RODGERS *STAFF WRITER*

The women's basketball team topped the University of Dubuque Spartans in a 76-74 overtime win extending their winning streak to three in IIAC play Saturday. The Knights topped Loras 72-52 earlier this week.

The Spartans took an early 6-0 lead in the first half but the Knights fought back keeping the game close. An Ashley Rogers jumper with eight minutes to go in the half tied the game at 19. Wartburg took their first lead in the next seconds with a layup by Leslie Wilson.

The lead changed hands twice more before the first half was over but the Knights went to the locker room ahead 41-35.

"We really got into a flow midway through the first half and played some of our best basketball from an offensive standpoint through the last 10 minutes of the first half," head coach Bob Amsberry said.

Wartburg was in command for most of the second half until a comeback by Dubuque tied the game at 53 all with six and half left to go in the game. The Spartans gained the lead off a 3-pointer by Jennifer Nichols. They held the lead for three minutes until a 3-pointer by Sam Harrington tied the game back up at 58.

The lead changed hands multiple times before the half was over, each team staying within three or less.

A free throw in the final seconds of the game by Dubuque's Aimee Reyzer tied the game at 66 and sent the

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Amanda Gahler/*TRUMPET*

Ashley Rogers dribbles the ball up the court as the Knights upended the Spartans from Dubuque

FROM BULLPEN

No football... No problems

SETH DRURY *ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR*

College football is done and over and the NFL is wrapped up...well except for the Pro Bowl, but honestly who cares about that.

So we have now entered the hang-over stage of the football season. Although I still have a bitter taste in my mouth from the college football season, it kind of tastes like cheap vodka, called the BCS.

But that's done and over with and the real question at hand is what to do on Saturday and Sunday with no football. What is going to consume the headlines on ESPN what are people going

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